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APPLICANT: FORSSMANN ET AL PCT
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TITLE: A METHOD FOR DETECTING THE CONDITION OF AN ORGANISM
THROUGH THE MEASUREMENT OF PEPTIDES

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(3)

ATTN: MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, for three months, from MARCH 18, 2003 to JUNE 18, 2003. Submitted herewith, under Rule 17(a)(3), is a check in the amount of \$465.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a Small Entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

Respectfully submitted,

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